

**COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER  
OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As the below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled GAS-ASSISTED ELECTROSURGICAL ACCESSORY CONNECTOR AND METHOD WITH IMPROVED GAS SEALING AND BIASING FOR MAINTAINING A GAS TIGHT SEAL, the specification of which is attached hereto, and which is assigned Attorney Docket No. 24.354 by my below-named attorneys.

The person named as inventor is: Wayne J. Gonnering

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in CFR 37 § 1.56.

No priority claim is made under 35 U.S.C. § 119 or 35 U.S.C. § 120.

Power of Attorney: As the named inventors, we hereby appoint John R. Ley, Registration No. 27,453 and Spencer A. Gibbs, Registration No. 51,731, to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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